

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The engine compartment cover ~~for a work machine~~ according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein a guide duct for guiding air from said air outlet opening to a prescribed location is provided on said bottom plate of said hood.
3. (Currently Amended) The engine compartment cover ~~for a work machine~~ according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein sound insulating members for attenuating a noise radiated externally from ~~said the~~ engine compartment are provided on surfaces of components in said hood constituting a passage of air from the outside to ~~said the~~ engine compartment.
4. (New) An engine compartment cover for enclosing an engine of a work machine and for defining an engine compartment, the cover comprising:
 - a hood for covering a top of the engine; and
 - left and right side covers extending from said hood to cover left and right sides of the engine, said left and right side covers having air inlet openings arranged such that external air is introduced into the engine compartment,
 - wherein said hood has a box-type structure and includes
 - an exterior top plate,
 - a bottom plate opposed to said exterior top plate,
 - left and right side plates extending between said exterior top plate and said bottom plate,
 - front and rear side plates extending between said exterior top plate and said bottom plate,
 - wherein said hood has air inlet openings provided only in said left and right side plates, and
 - wherein said hood has an air outlet opening provided only in said bottom plate, said air inlet openings of said hood and said air outlet opening being arranged such that external air is drawn inside said hood via said air inlet openings of said hood and is introduced into the engine compartment via said air outlet opening.